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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005 having a shortened statutory period expiring on October 14, 2005. Accompanying this response is a two month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of December 14, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**No Amendments have been made to the Specification** in this paper.

**No Amendments have been made to the Drawings** in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.